

REMARKS

In the non-final Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1, 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by AGGARWAL et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,330,614 B1); and allows claims 10-12 and 17-20.

By way of the present amendment, Applicants cancel claims 1, 4, and 5 without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering the rejection of those claims moot under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) based on AGGARWAL et al. Claims 10-12 and 17-20 remain pending.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 10-12 and 17-20 are allowable over the art of record. Applicants cancel claims 1, 4, and 5 herein, thereby placing the present application in condition for immediate allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of the application and the timely allowance of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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